

FREEHOLD BOROUGH HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2018

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Attendees:

Carol Lida

Ron Griffiths

Jane Fields

Gianna Dell'Omo

Festus Olayinka

Agenda Item 1 . First Aid Magnets

Jane presented committee members with the status of magnet sales and donations to date: Approximately \$2600 was presented to the First Aid Department, which included the \$180 collection contributed by the Freehold Kruisers from the Classic Car Contest participants at the Senior Appreciation Day event.

Jane suggested contacting organizations with civic benevolence funds for donations. She asked Ron for assistance with contact information. Gianna mentioned collecting donations at sporting events. Festus suggested the Freehold Colonial basketball games played from January through March. Committee will request the Freehold HR Committee's status regarding donation collections in the Township.

Agenda Item 2. Adopt-a-Neighbor Program

Gianna presented the Committee with two volunteer applications submitted for the program, and one resident eligibility application. Committee is hard pressed for volunteers despite link for Adopt-A-Neighbor program on Borough web site with guidelines and application forms for recruitment of volunteers, and generous press release in July 18th edition of The News Transcript. Members of First United Methodist Church have expressed interest for volunteer participation. St. Rose of Lima placed information about the program in its Sunday bulletin for two consecutive weeks, beginning September 30th. More volunteers are needed to implement the program for the upcoming Winter season.

Deadline for Volunteer registration is extended to December 1st.

Agenda Item 3. Police/Community Forum

Sergeant Santana distributed surveys to the attendees at the Senior Appreciation Day event to gather comments from the public to implement for community forum topics of discussion. Committee will invite Sergeant Santana to its next joint meeting with the Freehold Township HR Committee to present comments collected from the surveys.

Agenda Item 4. Schedule Joint Meeting with Township

Gianna will contact Reverend Philhower to schedule the next joint meeting with the Township's HR Committee.

Agenda Item 5. Meeting with MTN Organization, Inc.

Ron suggested that MTN Organization be added to the agenda to make its presentation at the joint meeting. Festus agreed that the group would benefit by more visibility. Gianna added that if a joint meeting was not feasible before the year's end, then Committee would invite MTN Organization to its next HR meeting on November 7th, to discuss ideas for group participation in a holiday community outreach program.

Agenda Item 6. Comments/Ideas/Open Discussion

Festus commented on the YMCA youth basketball program and the unexpected rise in membership cost. His concern was that the expense would deter future enrollment. He made inquiry as to how costs can be reduced to encourage ongoing membership. Ron suggested approaching Councilman DiBenedetto and the Recreation Committee for assistance with funding or ideas to help curb rising costs.

Committee members expect to attend and volunteer service at the Senior Luncheon on Saturday, December 1st.

Next Meeting Date: November 7, 2018